

power throughout the world. Maritime Prepositioning Force ships perform this mission by offering our military the equipment needed to be a fast deploying, mobile and sustainable force.

The July 6th renaming event for the newest of our Maritime Prepositioning Force ships offered my family the chance to incorporate the personal background of the ship's new name-sake with that of our own life experiences. My wife, Mrs. Kitty Crenshaw, was given the honor of being the Stockham's official sponsor. She performed the ceremonial breaking of the champagne bottle over the ship's railing and was given the opportunity to offer her personal thoughts of motherly pride for the men and women that would man the Stockham.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the speech given by Mrs. Kitty Crenshaw at the renaming ceremony for the *USNS Fred W. Stockham* into today's RECORD. This speech is an example of the pride our nation holds for our military personnel and the pride a mother feels not only for her own children, but also those in her heart.

Thank you Mr. Speaker for the time today to discuss the *USNS Fred W. Stockham* renaming event and the vital role the men and women of the Military Sealift Command play in the capabilities of our military force.

I was thrilled when I was asked to be the sponsor of this ship. It seemed like an exciting and wonderful thing to experience. As I read about Sgt. Stockham and the traditions of this time-honored ceremony, I became increasingly humbled and grateful for this rarest of honors. As a mother, I felt especially honored and even singled out for this particular ship named for this particular soldier. Sgt. Stockham was an orphan. He had no family and he never married. A friend was notified of this death. His body was placed in an unmarked grave that was lost for 60 years. Only the men of his company knew of his heroism until 21 years later because his Medal of Honor citation was lost in the chaos following the war. Having known the indescribable joy and privilege of being an adoptive mother, I immediately adopted this great soldier of the Great War into my heart and memory forever.

On June 13, 1918, the Germans savagely bombarded Belleau Wood with deadly mustard gas and high explosives for six long hours. Sgt. Stockham courageously led the evacuation of wounded and gassed marines. When he saw a young 17-year-old private cut down by shrapnel and his gas mask torn away, Sgt. Stockham without hesitation pulled off his own mask and put it on the young private and carried him to safety. He returned again and again to carry the wounded out. He finally collapsed from the effects of the deadly gas. He suffered an agonizing death a week later. He was 37.

Sgt. Stockham's heroism seems to me to be of a higher order. When he took off his mask, he was not just putting himself in harm's way or even risking death, he was knowingly condemning himself to a horrible death to save the life of his friend. 2000 years ago Jesus of Nazareth said that the greatest thing in the world is love and that there is no greater love than that a man would lay down his life for another. I am profoundly honored and it is with mother-like pride that I offer the gift of the

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memory of this great man to you and the mariners of the *USNS Gunnery Sergeant Fred W. Stockham*.

APPOINTMENT OF COLONEL
CHRISTOPHER ALLEN KNIGHT AS
DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA
HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. DAN MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the appointment of Christopher Allen Knight as the newest Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. Colonel Knight has accelerated through the ranks to become the leader of "Florida's finest." This is an exciting time for the people of Florida's 13th Congressional District.

The Florida Highway Patrol provides citizens with the highest level of professional service while promoting safety on Florida's highways through enforcement and education. I commend the FHP for their promotion of a safe driving environment through aggressive law enforcement, public education, and safety awareness; while reducing the number and severity of traffic crashes in Florida, and preserving and protecting human life, property and the rights of all people.

Colonel Knight was recently appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as the Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. Knight was given his new badge on June 29, 2001 in Tallahassee. At his side were his 10-year-old son, Mitch, his mother and father, Herman and Genevieve, his sister, Connie Bennett of Venice, and his brother, Thomas Knight, who is a Highway Patrol Troop Commander in Pinellas Park.

Colonel Knight graduated from Venice High School and earned a degree in criminology from Florida State University, before taking a job as a patrolman with the Venice Police Department. He was later selected to serve in the Florida Highway Patrol, and progressed through the ranks in his 20 year career. He has been stationed in Miami, Bradenton, Palatka, and Tallahassee in various positions, including Commander of Troop H, Tallahassee, and Chief of Training at the FHP Academy. His most recent assignment has been Chief of Field Operations for Region II, which includes oversight of Troops C (Tampa), D (Orlando) and F (Bradenton). Knight will now supervise nearly 1,800 officers throughout the state of Florida as the FHP Director.

I congratulate this fine American, and I rest assured that the Florida law enforcement community is in good hands.

HONORING THE 30th ANNIVERSARY
OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of one of the

friendliest towns you will ever find—White House, Tennessee. Nestled among the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee, White House is home to 7,220 residents.

The town got its name from an inn that was painted white and used extensively by people traveling the old Nashville and Louisville Pike in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The historic route was used often by such notable figures as Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson.

With its proximity to Interstate 65 and Old Hickory Lake, White House offers its residents a desirable and unique quality of life. Incorporated in 1971, the town is close to a thriving metropolitan area, but not close enough to spoil its pastoral qualities.

I congratulate White House and its leaders, including Mayor Billy Hobbs, who has served as the town's mayor for 25 years, for developing a community that understands the need for managed growth. May the town's next 30 years be as successful as its first 30 years.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HOWELL
JAYCEES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Howell, Michigan Jaycees Chapter on receiving the prestigious Harold R. Marks award for most outstanding local chapter in the country.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said "there are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still." Through their hard work and public service, the Howell Jaycees have done anything but stand still.

The Marks award is granted to chapters based on membership growth and the type of programs they offer their members and the community.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Howell Jaycees for receiving the Harold R. Marks award. May success continue to follow this outstanding civic organization.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL BROWN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Daniel Brown. For the past three decades he has been a proponent of higher education in northwest Ohio, serving our community as President of Owens Community College.

Mr. Brown has been affiliated with Owens since its inception in 1965, serving in various capacities that culminated in his serving the past seventeen years as President. Always a proponent of the student, he has been the watchdog on tuition increases. He proved his commitment to higher education by lowering tuition five percent for the 2000-01 academic

year. Through his hard work and dedication, Owens and its Findlay campus have excelled into the fastest growing two-or-four-year college in Ohio.

His dedication to students doesn't stop there. Owens has articulation agreements with almost twenty four-year colleges and universities, including Bowling Green State University, Ohio State University, University of Michigan and University of Toledo, allowing a smooth transfer for graduates pursuing bachelor's degrees. The school offers more than 100 technical programs and majors in various fields, such as health, business, industrial and engineering technologies and agriculture, in order to prepare students for careers of the future.

With a focus on state-of-the-art facilities, President Brown has expanded the college with such complexes as the Fire Science/Law Enforcement Center and Industrial and Engineering Technologies Building. A new library, audio/visual classroom center, math/science center and student health and activities center have increased the Galleria Complex, a new addition to the old campus. A Fine and Performing Arts Center will round out the construction for this site.

Even though growth, both at the physical campus and enrollment, has been exponential during the tenure of Mr. Brown, Owens remains committed to offering small classes, personal attention and flexible class schedules so that each person interested in a higher education will be afforded the opportunity to quality instruction.

The efforts of Daniel Brown will be evident for years to come. He has touched the lives of countless individuals and will be remembered with reverence and veneration.

REIMPORTATION OF FDA-APPROVED PHARMACEUTICALS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal matter I was unable to be present for roll-call votes last week. I particularly regret not being in attendance for the votes on the amendments to the Agriculture Appropriations bills offered by the gentleman from Vermont (Roll Call no. 216) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Roll Call no. 217) dealing with the reimportation of FDA-approved pharmaceuticals. I would have enthusiastically supported both amendments had I been able to be here last week and I was quite disappointed to see the gentleman from Vermont's amendment rejected and pleased to see the gentleman from Minnesota's amendment accepted by this body.

I appreciate the opportunity to explain why I supported these amendments. As my colleagues are aware, many Americans are concerned about the high cost of prescription drugs. These high prices particularly affect low-income senior citizens because many seniors have a greater than average need for prescription drugs and lower than average income. One of the reasons prescription drug

prices are high is government policies which give a few powerful companies a monopoly position in the prescription drug market, such as those restricting the importation of quality pharmaceuticals. Therefore, all members of Congress who are serious about lowering prescription drug prices should have supported these amendments.

As a representative of an area near the Texas-Mexican border I often hear from angry constituents who cannot purchase inexpensive quality imported pharmaceuticals in their local drug store. Some of these constituents regularly travel to Mexico on their own to purchase pharmaceuticals.

Opponents of the amendments offered by the gentlemen from Vermont and Minnesota waged a hysterical campaign to convince members that this amendment will result in consumers purchasing unsafe products. Acceptance of this argument requires one to assume that consumers will buy cheap pharmaceuticals without making any efforts to ensure that they are buying a quality product. However, the experience of my constituents who are currently traveling to Mexico to purchase prescription drugs shows that consumers are quite capable of ensuring they purchase safe products without interference from Big "Mother."

Furthermore, if the supporters of the status quo were truly concerned about promoting health, instead of protecting the special privileges of powerful companies, they would be more concerned with reforming the current policies which endanger health by artificially raising the cost of prescription drugs. Oftentimes lower income Americans will take less of a prescription medicine than necessary to save money. Some senior citizens even forgo other necessities, including food, in order to afford their medications. By reducing the prices of pharmaceuticals this amendment will help ensure no child has to take less than the recommended dosage of a prescription medicine and no senior has to choose between medication and food.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I once again wish to express my regret for missing the votes on the amendments by the gentlemen from Vermont and Minnesota and urge my colleagues to show they are serious about lowering the prices of prescription drugs and that they trust the people to do what is in their best interest, by supporting future efforts to establish a true free market in pharmaceuticals.

HONORING RON MADSEN, DIRECTOR, PROVO CITY ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the work of Ron Madsen, a dedicated public servant who has been Provo City's Economic Redevelopment Director. Ron Madsen has spent the last thirty years working for the City of Provo, and has been an integral part of Provo's downtown revitalization efforts. On July 13 Ron Madsen will retire from the City

of Provo, and his absence will be sorely missed.

Mr. Madsen began working with Provo City in August 1971 as a Planning Aide, and was promoted to Redevelopment Agency Manager in July 1973. He also worked as Housing and Redevelopment Manager from 1975 to 1983. Since 1983 he has been Provo's Economic Redevelopment Director.

Throughout his career, Mr. Madsen has worked in a tireless and selfless manner to preserve the character of Provo while at the same time encouraging balanced economic growth. Some of the projects he has worked on include developing Provo City's Historic Downtown into the central point in Utah County for government and legal services, as well as prime office space, and working to bring NuSkin, Inc. international headquarters to downtown Provo. Perhaps the pinnacle of Ron Madsen's career was the development of the East Bay Retail and Business Park. Mr. Madsen succeeded in securing millions of dollars in federal funds that were crucial to completing this premiere business park. The establishment of the East Bay Business Park resulted in key national businesses relocating to Provo, such as Novell, Inc.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Madsen was well known for his integrity and civility in working with his peers. I am also told that like that great American Cowboy Humorist Will Rogers, Mr. Madsen had a wry, genial common sense that was enjoyed by all who worked with him.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Ron Madsen for his dedicated service to the City of Provo. I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARCY MORRISON

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Colorado State Representative Marcy Morrison for her tireless efforts in improving health care for all Coloradans. This week, the American Medical Association is presenting Rep. Morrison with a Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service, Member of a State Legislature, for her significant achievements in advancing public health.

Throughout her two-decade career, Marcy has fought to help Coloradans gain greater access to health care. Her efforts include passing legislation to provide health insurance parity for mental health, to guarantee 48 hour extended hospital stays for maternity care, and to make it possible for children up to five years old to receive speech therapy and physical therapy each year for development delay. In addition, Marcy has helped form a task to evaluate the management of chronic intractable pain in Colorado and she served on the Legislative Task Force on Health Care.

When I served with Marcy in the State Legislature, I always admired her for her courage